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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MOPS PINS VS

SUBJECT: VC CAPTURE STUDENT MONKS IN TAY NINH

FOLLOWING TEL FROM BIEN HOA SENT ACTION AMEMBASSY SAIGON

12 MARCH BEING REPEATED TO YOU:

QUOTE: BIEN HOA 146

1. ON MARCH 8, AT 0200 APPROXIMATELY 40 MEN OF THE C-40 LOCAL FORCE BN WHO HAD INFILTRATED THANH HOA AND THANH AN HAMLETS VIC XT WXOPRTP THREE KMS SE OF TAY NINH CITY, ABDUCTED 26 AN QUANG BUDDHIST STUDENT MONKS AND 13 CAO DAI STUDENT MONKS, ALL BETWEEN THE AGES OF 14 AND 20 YEARS OLD. THREE CAO DA STUDENT MONKS AND ONE BUDDHIST STUDENT MONK SUBSEQUENTLY ESCAPED. AT THE TIME OF THEIR ABDUCTION THE NVA/VC DECLARED THAT THE YOUNG BOYS WOULD BE TAKEN TO COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED AREAS AND WOULD NOT BE DRAFTED INTO THE ARMY. THEY INVITED THE PARENTS OF THE BOYS TO VISIT THEIR SONS, AND TO BRING THEIR OX-CARTS WITH THEM.

2. WE NOTE THAT NEITHER THE AN QUANG NOR CAO DAI HAVE PUBLICLY (OR, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, PRIVATELY) PROTESTED THE BOYS' ABDUCTION. THIS PRESUMABLY REFLECTS A DESIRE TO AVOID ANTAGONIZING THE NVA/VC AT THIS JUNCTURE RATHER THAN COOPERATION BY THE AN QUANG AND CAO DAI SECTS WITH THE NVA/VC. ON THE PART OF THE
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COMMUNISTSWQ IT APPEARS TO REPRESENT AN EFFORT TO IMPRESS THE

PEOPLE IN GVN AREAS WITH THEIR STRENGTH, AND POSSIBLY ALSO MILITARY
RECRUITMENT AND EXPANSION OF POPULATION UNDER NVA/VC CONTROL IN
"LIBERATED" AREAS. PETERS
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